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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 9, 2002, Applicants request reconsideration of the patentability of claims 1-49. A petition for a one-month extension of time accompanies this amendment to make it filed timely. If any fees are due please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Remarks

Amendments to the claims are shown on the attached sheets at the end of this paper. The status of the claims and the support for the claim changes are also shown on the attached sheets.

Claim amendments

Claims 27 and 29 have been presented with the formerly missing instruction to amend. Claim 21 has been presented with the entire claim underlined, as suggested by the Final Office Action.